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SUBJECT: 1975 TECHNICAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE NATO  
ADVISORY GROUP FOR AEROSPACE RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT (AGARD)

1. THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM DATED MAY 1, 1974, FROM  
ASAF/R AND D TO ASD/ISA, IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

QUOTE: AT THE 36TH MEETING OF THE AGARD NATIONAL  
DELEGATES BOARD IN PARIS, FRANCE, MARCH 13-15, 1974, THE  
BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE PROPOSED 1975 PROGRAM AND  
BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR. THE BUDGET APPROVED  
WAS 5,396,860 FRENCH FRANCS WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE A SUP-  
PLEMENT OF 113,130 FRENCH FRANCS STILL PENDING FROM THE  
1974 REQUESTS. IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE BUDGET IS WELL  
CONSIDERED AND BARELY ADEQUATE AT THE ABOVE LEVELS AND  
THAT THE ACTIVITIES IT SUPPORTS ARE OF EVER INCREASING  
IMPORTANCE TO THE ALLIANCE. THESE MONIES, ALTHOUGH VERY  
SMALL IN THE TOTAL PICTURE, KEEP A VITAL TECHNICAL DIA.  
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LOGUE BETWEEN THE US AND EUROPE GOING AND PRODUCE A

WEALTH OF USEFUL INFORMATION AT A FRACTION OF THE COST OF  
PRODUCING IT OURSELVES.

I THEREFORE URGE, ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND  
MYSELF AS NATIONAL DELEGATES TO AGARD, THAT THE US  
DELEGATION TO THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE BE INSTRUCTED

TO SUPPORT BOTH THE 1975 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR AGARD AND  
THE SUPPLEMENT PENDING FROM 1974, AT THE REQUESTED  
LEVELS. (SIGNED) WALTER B. LA BERGE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY,  
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. UNQUOTE.

2. IF SUPPORT FOR THIS LEVEL BUDGET FOR AGARD FOR  
1975 POSES PROBLEMS, PLEASE ADVISE. RUSH

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